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For : VACUUM-INSULATED EXHAUST TREATMENT DEVICES, SUCH  
AS CATALYTIC CONVERTERS, WITH PASSIVE CONTROLS

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Dear Sir:

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated February 11, 2005, Applicants request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS** begin on page 2 of this reply, and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing the requested changes.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 3 of this reply.

An **APPENDIX**, including amended drawing figures, is attached following page 3 of this reply.